

1954-1955 (continued)

Brother George Strelbel was the Principal and other teacher again this year.

Brother Strelbel taught four classes of Church History and two classes of Old Testament.

Brother Elliott taught three classes of New Testament and two classes of Old Testament.

He also taught four sections of seventh grade for a period of nine weeks each. Two texts were used in this seventh grade teaching experience: Oil for their Lamps by Wendell Rich, William E. Berrett and others, and Balance Wheels by Amos N. Merrill.

The enrollment for the year was: Church History 75, New Testament 81, Old Testament 100, and Junior Seminary 132, for a total of 256 in Senior Seminary and a total of 132 in Junior Seminary, and a grand total of 388 students.

The activities for the year included several parties and for the graduating students the trip to Geneva Steel Plant and B.Y.U. and joint program with the other Seminary students of Utah County, The Graduation Banquet, and the Graduation Program.

There were 75 students who graduated on Sunday, May 15, 1955. The following students took part on the program: Eloise Winterton, Janet McNaughton, Marden F. Watson, Christina Jane Fisher, Francis D. Harrison, Barbara Lois Bonner, Margene Rasband, Kaye Wright, Francis Reed Gappmayer, Carol Ann Clegg, William R. Davis, Clarence B. Mahoney, Fredrick A. Mangum, John Wayne Lloyd, Mary Jo Gordon, Barbara Jean Horrocks, Karen Carlile, Margaret Lucile Kohler, Harold E. Ford, and Kathryn Berg. President Nephi Probst presented the graduated with their diplomas. The program was lovely, being presented completely by the graduates. Guest speakers were discouraged this year unless it should be someone in the community. The General Authorities of the Church are usually so burdened with assignments of duty that inviting of them was especially discouraged.

Edson Packer was the Principal of the Wasatch High School this year and the same high standard of Seminary-High School relationship was had.

This year, new tile flooring was put down in the lower halls, principal's office, both lavatories, and on the landing of the stairway. The stairs were covered with a good rubber covering. This improvement was appreciated by both teachers and students, and lent to better reverence. The desks in both class rooms were sanded clean by the teachers and students. This too was a much needed and welcomed improvement.

1955-1956

During the Summer of 1955, Brother George Strebler left for the University of California, at Berkeley, to work toward receiving a doctorate. Several nice parties were held by different ones of the community honoring Brother Strebler and his fine family. He had completed twelve years of fine service. His length of service as a Seminary teacher in Heber was longest, except for that of Brother David A. Broadbent.

Brother Grant H. Elliott became the Principal of the Seminary, and Jerome C. Hainsworth, of Portland, Oregon, having recently completed his college work at B.Y.U. and U. of Portland, was assigned to be the other teacher.

Brother Elliott taught four classes of Church History, and two classes of Old Testament. Brother Hainsworth taught four New Testament and one Old Testament.

The enrollment for the year was: Church History - 72-, New Testament - 97-, Old Testament - 102. The total being 271 students. No Junior Seminary was held this year. This was considered to be a good decision.

Several new projects were tried this year with good success. Sister Letha Tatge came in for a special lecture on the Holy Land. Three of our recently returned missionaries came in to provide a Missionary Day program. The missionaries were: Garvin Carlile, Lynn Thacker, and John Young. Brother John Joest told us of his return to his homeland of Switzerland, and of the dedication of the Swiss Temple. All three members of the Stake Presidency visited with us a day and took part on programs.

A new slide projector and a new duplicator were added to our equipment. This was the result of the efforts of Brother George Strebler. We set up a new Speeches of The Year stand, which lent to the program.

The graduation was an inspiring program and sight. There were 66 graduates. A copy of the complete program is attached to this record.

The History herein given is the joint effort of the many teachers who have served at the Wasatch Stake Seminary. If anyone, perhaps, deserves more credit than another it is George L. Strebler.

Grant H. Elliott, Principal
December, 1956

1956-1957

Grant H. Ellicit and Jerome C. Hinsvort were the teachers again this year.

The enrollment for the year was: Church History 70, New Testament 82, Old Testament 112. The total was 264.

During the course of the year two fine pianos replaced the old organs. A projector was ordered and approved, (arranged later.) The windows were painted with blacked blinds, there were not considered to be any more than a temporary provision.

The graduating class of 1956, had given a lovely mirror to hang in the Seminary hall. The graduating class of 1957 gave the Seminary a New Standard Reference Bible. (Kirtland King James Version.)

During the course of the years of 1956 and 1957, the Seminary students had a project of reading to a blind member of the Midway community. Brother Hazel Watkins had been totally blind for about fifty years. He received much enjoyment, as did the students, to read, from hearing such books as: Man of Wealth, (Matthew Cowley story), Marvelous Work and a Wonder, and etc.

At Christmas time the Church History student accepted the project assignment of writing letters and also sending "The Real Story of Christmas" by Cleon Cleaver to all of the Wasatch Stake servicemen and I.D.G. missionaries who were away from home.

There were 61 students graduated on Sunday, May 19, 1957. The theme of the program was "We The Youth of Zion Hold the Keys to the Future." A complete copy of the program is attached.

1957 - 1958

At the beginning of the school year, Vernon C. Nielson assumed the principalship. Grant H. Elliott remained as the other teacher. Brother Leland E. Anderson was our supervisor from Provo.

Jerome C. Hainsworth transferred to the Bountiful, Utah Seminary.

Vernon C. Nielson had served as a principal of an elementary school in the Nebo School District, of Utah County.

The enrollment for the year was: Church History 83, N.T. 100, O.T. 135. The total was 318, with 71 graduating on 22 May 1958. (Programs attached list the graduates.)

During the course of the year the reading project with Brother Elijah Watkins was continued as was the Christmas project to Wasatch Stake missionaries and service men.

Our new projector finally materialized and was delivered in the spring.

At the conclusion of this school year, brother Nielson determined to go back to school to obtain a higher degree. He received a fellowship to the University of Utah for a two year period to study in the field of Sociology and Social Work.

Seminary Officers this year were: Karl Douglas Nielson -- President
Raymond Karl North -- Vice Pres.
June Olpin -- Sec.
Kay McDonald -- Historian

1958 - 1959

Grant H. Ellictt continued on as a teacher and Richard H. Magleby was transferred from Vernal to assume the principalship. During the summer months, prior to the beginning of school, our building was painted and cleaned. Brother Irwin Thacker was hired to sand and refinish all desks, repair a few broken seats, connect the chairs in the lower room with side boards, repair windows so they could be opened for air, fix sliding glass doors so books were more accessable etc. The old (always in the way) phone was replaced by a new wall type and another extension added in the Stake Presidency office.

During the school year we acquired a new typewriter, two projector stands, some Old Test. and N.T. film strips with records, and a few maps and teaching aids. In the spring we acquired a new record player with the profits from the "SEEK" games sold at Xmas time by the Old Test. classes, plus a few new records. New rollers were put into our duplicator to keep us and the primary sisters from learning any new swear words. It must be handled just about right or stensils can easily be ruined. The new rollers made a world of difference.

The total enrollment included 114 Old Test., 126 New Test., and 63 C.H. students for a total of 303. Sixty-three (63) graduated on 22 May 1959.

Seminary officers were: Joe Hicken President, Phil Provost Vice Pres., Marilyn Dean Sec., Kathryn Clayburn Historian, Jim Ritchie N.T. Rep., and Kathryn Muhlestein O.T. Representative.

A fall hayride proved to be fun and successful for the entire seminary. Many graduates were able to attend the District social and testimony meeting held at the Joseph Smith building in March.

The Church Hist. class assumed the missionary and servicement project, and sent them copies of recent B.Y.U. speeehers of the year at Xmas time. The N.T. class with the leadership of Jim Ritchie revived the reading project. Two students were assigned each week to go read to Brother Elijah Wthkins in Midway who is blind. The O.T. class sold seek games to raise a little money for new equipment.